5. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 4, wherein the resilient structure comprises a shading structure adapted to provide shade for the floatation apparatus.

6. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 5, wherein the shading structure is selected from the group consisting of an umbrella and a canopy.

7. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 2, wherein the object is selected from the group consisting of a dock and a boat.

8. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure is an inflatable buoyancy structure .

9. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the permanent buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of PVC, and polystyrene.

10. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure is an inflatable floatation structure.

11. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the at least one removable buoyancy structure comprises a material selected from the group consisting of polyvinylchloride (PVC), and polystyrene.

12. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the platform structure comprises a material selected from the consisting of PVC, plastic, wood, and fiberglass.

13. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 1, wherein the floatation apparatus is adapted to float on water, and wherein the platform structure is adapted to support a pet over the water.

14. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 13, wherein platform structure comprises at least one bowl structure adapted to hold a supply of drinking water or food for the pet.

15. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a ramp structure, wherein the ramp structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the ramp structure is adapted to support the pet over the water.

16. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a barrier structure around a perimeter of the platform structure, wherein the barrier structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the barrier structure is adapted to restrain the pet from exiting the floatation apparatus.

17. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 13, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations adapted to drain a liquid from the platform structure.

18. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 17, further comprising membrane structure

removably attached to a bottom side of the floatation apparatus, wherein the membrane structure is adapted to capture the liquid draining through the perforations.

19. (Amended) A floatation apparatus, comprising:

a platform structure; and

a buoyancy structure physically attached to a first side of the platform structure, wherein the floatation apparatus is portable, and wherein the floatation apparatus is ~~adapted to~~ supporting a dog over water.

20. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 19, further comprising at least one attachment structure adapted to secure the floatation apparatus to an object.

21. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 20, wherein the object is a swimming pool.

22.(Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 21, wherein the swimming pool comprises a resilient structure removably attached to an exterior portion of the swimming pool, and wherein the floatation apparatus is further adapted to be secured to the resilient structure.

23. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 22, wherein the resilient structure comprises a shading structure adapted to provide shade for the floatation apparatus.

24.(Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a ramp structure, wherein

the ramp structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the ramp structure is adapted to support the dog over the water.

25. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 19, further comprising a barrier structure around a perimeter of the platform structure, wherein the barrier structure is removably attached to the floatation apparatus, and wherein the barrier structure is adapted to restrain the dog from exiting the floatation apparatus.

26. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 19, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations adapted to drain a liquid from the platform structure.

27. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 26, further comprising membrane structure removably attached to a bottom side of the floatation apparatus, wherein the membrane structure is adapted to capture the liquid draining through the perforations.

28. (Withdrawn) The floatation apparatus of claim 19, wherein a portion of the perforated platform structure is recessed below a portion of the buoyancy structure.

29. (Original) The floatation apparatus of claim 19, wherein the platform structure comprises at least one bowl structure adapted to hold a supply of drinking water or food for the dog.

30. (Withdrawn) A method, comprising:

providing a portable floatation apparatus comprising a permanent buoyancy structure mechanically attached to a first side of a platform structure;

removably attaching at least one removable buoyancy structure to the floatation apparatus; and

placing the portable floatation apparatus in water.

31. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 30, further comprising:

providing at least one attachment structure physically attached to the portable floatation apparatus; and

securing by the at least one attachment device, the floatation apparatus to an object.

32. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 31, wherein the object is a swimming pool.

33. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein the swimming pool comprises a resilient structure mechanically attached to an exterior portion of the swimming pool; and wherein the method further comprises;

securing the floatation apparatus to the resilient structure.

35. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 32, wherein the resilient structure comprises a shading structure, and wherein the method further comprises;

providing by the shading structure, shade for the floatation apparatus.

36. (Withdrawn) A method comprising:

providing a portable floatation apparatus, comprising a permanent buoyancy structure physically attached to a first side of a platform structure;

placing the portable floatation apparatus in water;

placing a dog on the portable floatation apparatus; and

supporting by the portable floatation apparatus, the dog over the water.

37. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 36, further comprising:

providing at least one attachment structure physically attached to the portable floatation apparatus; and

securing by the at least one attachment device, the floatation apparatus to an object.

38. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 37, wherein the object is a swimming pool.

39. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 39, wherein the platform structure comprises perforations.

40. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 36, wherein the platform structure comprises at least one bowl structure adapted to hold a supply of drinking water or food for the dog.